GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Unutilisation of Funds under MGNREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total amount not utilised under MGNREG Scheme in various States across the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of instructions issued to the States by the Union Government for speedy utilisation of these unutilised funds;

(c) whether these steps have been effective;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether any mechanism has been put in place to keep a vigil on financial and actual progress and to have coordination between Union Government and the State Governments in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a)to(d): The Central share of programme funds under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) is released to the States/UTs on the basis of labour demand projected in the respective labour budgets. Utilisation of funds under MGNREGA depends on the actual demand for wage employment in the implementing State/UTs. The funds are utilized by the States/UTs out of the total availability of funds which includes opening balance, Centre share, State share and miscellaneous receipts.

(e): The Ministry has established a comprehensive system of monitoring and review mechanism for Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA). The evaluation of works under MGNREGA is regularly done in the Performance Review Committee meetings, Video conferences and weekly meetings. State specific reviews of States are also undertaken from time to time. Officers of the Ministry and National Level Monitors also visit various districts to oversee the performance of MGNREGA. During these reviews, the implementation aspects that need strengthening are identified including the areas for improvement in the quality of assets. The major steps taken by the Government to improve the programme implementation under MGNREGA are given in the Annexure.

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